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#### **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Kazunari Hanano

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For: ILLUMINATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROJECTION APPARATUS USING

THE ILLUMINATION APPARATUS

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### REPLY PURSUANT TO 87 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: